

# INTENSIFIED FIGHTING RESULTS IN DEATH OF UN OBSERVER

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The intensified fighting along the Suez Canal resulted in the downing of seven Cairo jets, the first unchallenged Egyptian air raid on Israeli positions and the death of an United Nations cease-fire observer.

The seven Egyptian jets — six MIGs and one Sukhoi-7 bomber — were shot down in the most intensive round of fighting last Thursday as both sides used airplanes and artillery to strike at each other's positions.

After this exchange, the tempo cooled off somewhat with Israel continuing to use jets to hit Egyptians claimed their most successful air attack when their jets hit Israeli positions on the norther section of the waterway on Sunday. Military spokesmen in Tel Aviv said the Cairo raid was against Israeli forces in the Port Faud area and that antiaircraft batteries opened fire on the Egyptian jets without hitting any. The attack was broken off before Israeli jets could reach the area.

The UN officer, Major B. Rolan Plane of Sweden, was killed Sunday by Israeli artillery fire while at his post on the Egyptian side of the canal near Port Tewfik. Since the escalated fighting along the canal began, Israel reported destroying 12 Egyptian fighters and bombers while losing only two jets. Three Israeli soldiers were also listed as killed. Cairo, denying Israeli claims, reported shooting down 34 Israeli jets plus destroying numerous artillery

antiaircraft and rocket positions. Israeli spokesmen explained that their jets are being used along the canal in a tactical move to neutralize present Egyptian forces and to prevent the build up for any large scale operations such as a crossing of the Canal. It was noted that Cairo has contended that such a move would "prove" that Israel was not as "invincible" as Jerusalem wants the Arabs and the world to believe. In other developments, one man was killed and a second

seriously injured when terrorist bomb exploded in Tel Aviv. Arab terrorist attacks injured seven Nahal soldiers in their Nahal Yam fishing settlement in the Sinai Peninsula east of Qantara. Eight tourists were injured in the Hebron Market place by an hand grenade thrown at their car.

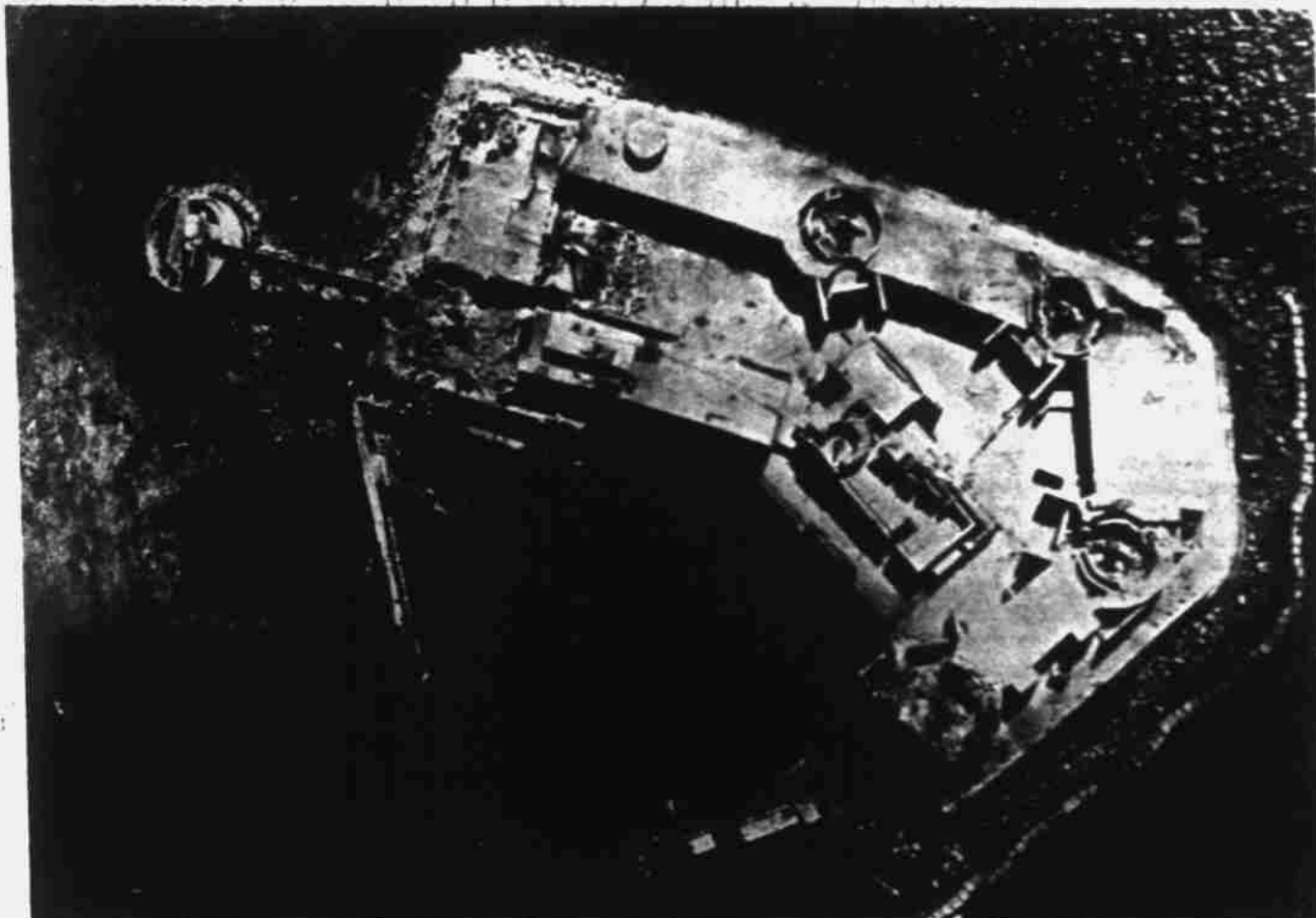
An Israeli Government spokesman, reasserting previous statements by Premier Golda Meir, said that if Egypt were to completely observe the cease-fire along the canal, Israel would do the same. He noted that Cairo had declared that the Truce along the waterway was in-

valid. At the UN, Secretary General U Thant, who has said he would withdraw truce observers because their life was endangered by the fighting in the area, is to meet with nations that have supplied personnel to the 95 member force to decide what action should be taken to either remove the men or strengthen their personal security.

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